



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

STEVEN WAYNE SMITH, ET AL.

CASE NO.: DP6760 US NA

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EXAMINER: JOSEPH S. DEL SOLE

FOR: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVED CONDITIONING OF MELT-SPUN MATERIAL

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sirs,

The following is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed December 22, 2003. The amendments to the claims now meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. We are also submitting a 2 month extension of time in which to respond.